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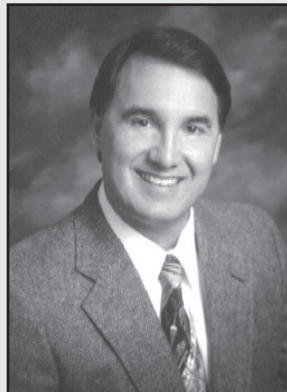


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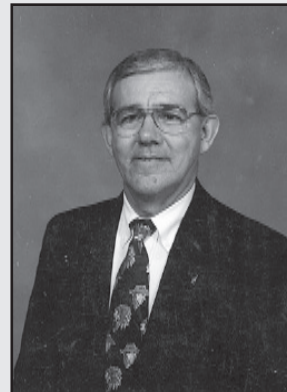


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Pontotoc District • Seat 3

Melvin Burris, Incumbent



Melvin Burris

Name of candidate: Melvin Burris

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal legislature

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 3

Background information:

Mr. Burris is the son of Sebens Burris and the grandson of the late Willie D. Burris-Stick. He has lived in the Ada, Okla., area all his life and is the single father of two boys, Adam and Joshua. Mr. Burris is completing his first three-year term as a Chickasaw tribal legislator, Pontotoc District.

Educational background: Mr. Burris graduated from Tu-

pelo (OK) High School in 1972. He is a 1975 graduate of the Oklahoma Police Academy and a 1985 graduate of the Oklahoma State Horseshoeing School.

Civic and community activities: Mr. Burris received the 2004 Mustang Award, given by the Allen (OK) Board of Education, for his "unselfish service to students and staff." The Allen Chamber of Commerce recognized him last year for "exceptional service" and Allen Masonic Lodge #81 presented Mr. Burris its Non-Mason Award for "service to the Allen community." Mr. Burris assisted in the repair and rebuilding of Pon-

totoc District's Johnson Chapel United Methodist Church in 2004 and assisted in the construction of the new baseball facility in Allen.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My number one goal is to continue to work hard for the Chickasaw people. It is my job as your legislator to listen to you, help you, and serve you to the very best of my ability.

As your legislator, I have supported the programs and initiatives you have told me are important to you. I have supported the Diabetes Care Center at Carl Albert Hospital, new dollars for

Chickasaws to get the specific medications they need, clothing grants for all our Chickasaw students, the new senior site in Pauls Valley and the proposed senior site for the Marlow and Duncan areas.

I will support the proposed prescription refill center, above-ground safe rooms for our elders and disabled citizens, expanded tribal housing programs, and education programs which provide tuition, books and other assistance for both young and mature Chickasaw students.

My goal, as always, is to

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Rodney Brown



Rodney Brown

Name of Candidate: Rodney Brown

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 3

Background information: Rodney Brown is the son of Calvin (Buck) Brown and he is 1/4 Chickasaw. He grew up in the Ada area but left in 1968 for a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy which included a year in Vietnam. After his military service, he settled in Dallas, Texas and went to work for IBM Corp. In 1975 he returned to Ada as the IBM representative for this area. He has owned and operated four different businesses in the last 25 years as well as raising horses on his property in the Lovelady area. His hobbies include golf, playing pool, woodworking and being involved in local organizations.

Education background: Mr. Brown attended classes at

East Central University in Ada, the University of Oklahoma at Norman and the University of Texas at Arlington. His university courses were concentrated in pre-engineering and business administration. He graduated from the U.S. Navy FT/A electronics school and has completed numerous technical courses from IBM and Minolta Corp. He has extensive sales and management training from IBM and Minolta.

Civic and/or community activities: Served interim chairman of the board of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., during its start-up phase. Member of the Chickasaw Nation Industrial Development Commission, past president of the Ada Rifle and Pistol Club, past commissioner of the Ada Soccer League, life member of the NRA, active in numerous political campaigns as a campaign manager and as a candidate.

Awards and honors: He received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship program and was recognized as an honors graduate from the U.S. Navy's FT/A Electronics School.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: "My first goal as a legislator is to continue pushing the idea of direct yearly payments to our Chickasaw citizens. I believe that putting a little extra cash in

the hands of Chickasaw families is the easiest way to improve their lives. I don't understand how our tribal government can make over a hundred million dollars a year and not want to share that bounty with our people. I also believe that our tribe has more than enough money to expand services for our senior citizens and improve educational opportunities for our children. We should also find ways to improve services available for Chickasaw citizens that live outside of the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Our government is in a period of massive expansion that is fueled by our tremendous gambling profits. I believe those profits will be better spent helping our people and, as a legislator, I will work to represent the needs of our citizens.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Brown and his wife Lynda have a son, Ron Brown, and a daughter, Christy Anderson.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: "Over the years many good and pleasant Chickasaw people have served as tribal legislators. Most of them had good intentions and sincerely wanted to help our tribe. The only question to ask is why has our legislature been so ineffective in establishing laws and controlling the workings of our tribal government. The

answer, of course, is that good intentions don't produce results and being nice and pleasant doesn't provide effective leadership. If you want to get things done, you need people with the right experience and the necessary abilities. I have spent the last 25 years running successful businesses of various types. Most of my involvement with local organizations has been at the

top level of control and I have been successful in guiding most of these organizations to reach their goals. I know how to get things done and I have the drive and persistence required to produce results. If you agree with me that our tribe needs to move forward in order to better serve the needs of our people, then I am asking you for your vote and support in this election."

Candidates file for Chickasaw Nation election

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced candidates seeking election to tribal legislative and judicial seats at the close of filing Friday, June 10.

There will be competitive races for four legislative seats, and one judicial seat.

Incumbent legislator Melvin Burris, Pontotoc District, Seat 3, will face challengers Rodney Brown, Toby Perkins and Mooniene Perry Ogee.

Heath Allison will challenge incumbent Dean McManus for Pontotoc Legislative District, Seat 4.

Incumbent Donna Hartman, Pickens Legislative District, Seat 2, will face challenger Mitch Sperry.

Tishomingo Legislative District, Seat 3 incumbent Steve Woods will face challenger

Joe R. Orr.

Judicial incumbent Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Eldred will face challenger Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson.

Ballots will be mailed to registered Chickasaw voters July 22. Voters will vote by absentee ballots, which must be returned to the Chickasaw Election no later than 10:30 a.m. August 17.

No hand delivered ballots will be accepted.

The Chickasaw Nation will conduct and supervise ballot counting at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 520 East Arlington, Ada, Okla., August 17, beginning 11 a.m.

Results of the elections will be announced the same day.

For information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475.

Pontotoc District • Seat 3 (continued)

Mooniene Perry Ogee



Mooniene Perry Ogee

she and her husband, Albion Ogee, still reside in the Homer-Oakman community. Ms. Ogee was born at an Indian Health Facility in Claremore, Okla. She is a descendant of Winchester Colbert, the granddaughter of Cicen and Simon Perry. She is very proud of her heritage. Mrs. Ogee is a retired teacher from the public schools of Oklahoma. She was employed as election secretary for the Chickasaw Nation before she made the decision to seek office in the legislature. She has served three terms in the Tribal Legislature.

Education background: Mrs. Ogee graduated from Byng Public School, and then continued her education at East Central University, earning a bachelor's and master's degree in elementary education. Shortly after graduating, she began a career in the teaching profession and she finished her teaching career at Byng School. After retiring from Byng School she accepted a position as a teacher/principal at McCall's Chapel, a

private school for the physically and mentally challenged. She attends workshops to keep her abreast of what is happening at the national, state and local levels of government.

Civic and/or community activities: in 1992, after resigning her position at McCall's Chapel, Mrs. Ogee accepted the position as election secretary for the Chickasaw Nation. It was at this time she developed an interest in tribal government. After serving one year as the election secretary, she ran for the tribal legislature in 1993 and won. She has been involved in the Ada Chickasaw Community Council for over 10 years having served as secretary for the council. Since entering the legislature, she attends many of the Chickasaw Nation council meetings. She helped to establish at Carl Albert Indian Hospital the volunteer program. As a very active member of the Democrat Party she served as chairperson of the county unit and co-chair at the district level. In addition

she has served as a delegate to the county, district, and state conventions many times, as well as, on the state executive committee of the Democrat Party.

Awards and honors: Mrs. Ogee was honored by being chosen "The Outstanding Woman" in the third congressional District of Oklahoma.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: As a member of the legislature I will work hard toward the following goals:

- improving and expanding the services for our Seniors Citizens
- accountability of all funds received by the tribe - business and tribal funds
- increase funding for Senior Nutritional Programs such as the farmer's market and the programs dealing with energy and emergency utilities
- fair wages and job protection
- providing the every best health care available for our Citizens
- seek more funding for edu-

cation

- continued improvement to our election rules and regulations

- propose new legislation to establish tribal car tag licensing

- making sure we maintain our tribal sovereignty

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Ogee is married to Albion Ogee, a member of the Citizen Pottawatomie Indian Nation. They will celebrate 52 years of marriage this year.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: "I would appreciate the opportunity to serve you, the Chickasaw people. Our Nation is facing many great challenges, that is the reason I feel the need to seek this office. I will LISTEN AND WORK for the Chickasaw People. You may contact me by mail or by my email address. My address is 20664 CR 1520, Ada, Oklahoma, 74820; my email is nene@wilnet1.com"

Toby Perkins



Toby Perkins

Wiley; his great grandparents, Eula (Greenwood) Jimmy (Roll #2127) and Johnson Jimmy (Roll #4597); and his great-great grandparents, Nancy (Moore) Greenwood (Roll #2126) and Sim Greenwood. Perkins married his wife Alesha October 24, 1999 and they have two children, Elizabeth and Cash.

Toby moved to Ada in 1998 to accept a position as a Safety Officer and Field Technician at Robert S. Kerr Research Laboratory. In 1999, he moved to Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. as the Director of Associate Benefits and now secures optional benefits for the program available to over 340,000 Pre-Paid Legal Independent Associates in the United States and Canada.

Educational background: The Perkins family moved to Mustang, Oklahoma in 1978 where Mr. Perkins' mother taught 7th and 8th grade English. From a young age, education was a large part of Mr. Perkins' life, and in 1986 he graduated

from Mustang High School. From there, he attended Oklahoma State University and earned an Associates Degree, and a Bachelor's Degree.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Perkins is member of the Board of Directors for the Ada Regional United Way and sits on the Ada Success by Six Committee. He is active with the Ada High School Band Boosters and is an Ada High School Cougar Dad. Toby and Alesha Perkins are members of First Baptist Church and teach the "20-somethings" Sunday School Class.

Awards and honors: Mr. Perkins graduated with Honors from Mustang High School. He attained a 4.0 grade point average from Oklahoma State University with an Associate Degree in Occupational Health and Safety and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My

mission statement as your Legislator: I serve the people by working to strengthen the foundation of the tribe through an obligation and dedication to enhance the quality of life for the Chickasaw people.

Name of spouse and children: Toby and Alesha Perkins have two children, Elizabeth and Cash Freeman.

Personal Message: Dear Friends,

My father always told me what his father told him, "Each generation stands on the shoulders of their parents." We're standing on the shoulders of our forefathers now, and they have given us the great opportunity to raise our children to new heights. I believe it is our obligation to do so.

The Children of the Chickasaw Nation:

I am actively involved in creating positive change in the community and look forward to extending that to the Nation. As a Legislator, one of my top

priorities will be insuring every Chickasaw child, regardless of age, has the tools and resources to help them reach their full potential.

Continued Economic Expansion:

The Chickasaw Nation is experiencing incredible prosperity. I promise to continue the economic expansion in ways that benefit the tribe today - with the goal of leaving a legacy for generations to come.

Chickasaw Elders:

To gain wisdom, a person must surround himself or herself with wise people. Our elders are perhaps the greatest source of knowledge. As a Legislator, I will seek counsel from our seniors before casting a vote on their behalf.

Communications Initiative:

I have three distinct points within my communication initiative. First, I will inform and educate the citizens about the issues and decisions in front of See **Toby Perkins**, page 10

Name of candidate: Toby Perkins

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 3

Background information: Toby Perkins was born July 18, 1968 in Little Rock, Arkansas. His Chickasaw lineage includes his mother, Tia Juana (Wiley) Perkins; his grandmother, (Angie) Emmeline Matha (Jimmy)

Pontotoc District • Seat 4

Dean McManus, Incumbent



Dean McManus

executive officers on the Region 7 (which includes Ada) Alcohol/ Drug Abuse and Mental Health Planning and Coordinating Board.

- Served as a board member of the Pontotoc Vo-Tech Region 8 "School to Work" program.
- Served as one of the first original board members of the Oklahoma City Food Bank.
- Currently serves as an alternate on the National Indian Council of Aging.
- Currently serves as an alternate on the National Diabetes Association.
- Currently a member of the Intertribal Council of the Five Tribes.

Awards and honors:

- Received the 1991 Stellar Leadership Award from the Indian Health Service National Community Health Representative program, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Mrs. McManus received this recognition while serving as president of the National Association of CHRs.
- Received the 1991 Excellence in Leadership from Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service.
- Was recognized by the Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service CHR program for dedicated and outstanding service in the development of the Chickasaw Nation Transportation System, September 1993.
- Was recognized by the National Rural Transit Assistant program for her Outstanding contribution for the Rural Transit Assistance program, July 1996.
- Was recognized by the Pontotoc Area Vo-Tech, Region 8 "School to Work", for dedicated service to the Teacher Internship program in July 1998.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: During my first term in office, I served as Finance Committee chairman. It was my goal to be a good steward of our tribal resources and make sure those resources were directed properly to our programs and services.

During my second term, I have served a chairman of the Human Resources committee, which also requires proper allocation of resources to our im-

portant programs and services. My goal has been to make sure the Chickasaw people are being well served and that needs are being met.

It will be my goal in the upcoming term to ensure that Chickasaw people are receiving quality service and needed programs across the board. Health care, I believe, is vitally important. We now offer an excellent program for Chickasaws which allows each Chickasaw a specified amount to cover medical expenses that otherwise might not be covered. I will seek to build on our health care program and make it the very best in the country.

I will also continue to lobby for Chickasaw nursing facilities and assisted living centers. These programs could prove to be a tremendous asset for Chickasaw families with elders needing this type of assistance.

I will support the new Chickasaw training center, which will assist our less fortunate youth in developing skills and trades with which they can make good livings as adults.

My goal is to be a good legislator for the people I love, the Chickasaw people.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. McManus has been married to Harrel D. McManus for 50 years. The couple has four daughters, Cindy Bermu-

dez, Karen Goodnight, Sherri McManus, and Kristina Roller. They have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: "It has been my goal to continue to bring honor, integrity and respect to the Chickasaw Nation. It has been a sincere pleasure and honor to serve as your representative from Pontotoc District, Seat 4. I love the Chickasaw people, my people, and do not want anyone to go unserved, when we have so much now as a Nation. I will continue to work hard for you. Together, with your input and suggestions, we can ensure that 'No child is left behind,' 'No

family is without a home,' 'no father or mother is without a job,' and 'every Chickasaw citizen receives the health care they so deserve.' It will be an honor to continue serving you as your legislator. Your vote and support for me in this election will be very much appreciated."

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Melvin Burris, continued

serve you. The stated mission of the Chickasaw Nation is to enhance the lives of Chickasaw people. I take that mission seriously and always remember it is the Chickasaw people who are counting on me to make the proper decisions on their behalf.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Burris is the single father of two sons, Adam, 21, and Joshua, 19. Adam is a recent Seminole (OK) State College graduate. Joshua works with the tribe and is interested in heavy equipment operation.

Personal message to the

Chickasaw people: "I have worked the past three years as your tribal legislator. I have learned that when challenges come up, you must look at all sides, weigh the issues and make fair decisions. As your legislator, I have learned that listening is very important. I promise I will continue to listen to your concerns and consider them carefully."

"I respectfully ask for your vote for tribal legislator. I will be a hard worker on your behalf."

Complete your ballot properly - make your vote count!

Do you know the correct way to complete your election ballot? There is such a procedure in assuring that your vote will be counted in this year's election. Failure to correctly complete your ballot can result in your vote being ruled "invalid" by the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

Here are some helpful reminders when casting your vote in August.

1. Complete the arrow, using a No. 2 pencil or black ink pen. Ballots are tabulated by Scantron, which recognizes pencil or black ink. Do not circle, check or underline the candidates' names.
2. Sign your signature on the outside ballot envelope exactly as it reads, using a blue or black ink pen. Be sure to write your signature in cursive. Do not print. Notice: A hole is punched in the enve-

lope to verify the ballot was inserted.

3. The bar code that appears on the outside envelope is for tabulating purposes only and is not to be written anywhere on the ballot or envelope.

4. Do not put more than one ballot in the inner envelope. Although there may be several voters in a household, no ballots will be counted if all ballots are mailed in one envelope.

5. Complete and mail your ballot as soon as you receive it so it will reach the Ada Post Office by Tuesday, August 16, 2005, the last day the ballots will be received. Ballots are mailed to all qualified voters on July 22, 2005. Voters have at least three weeks to mail back their ballots. The ballots will go to the post office in Oklahoma City prior to the Ada Post Office. It will take at least three days before the ballots

actually arrive in Ada. Do not wait until the weekend before the deadline to mail your ballot. Doing so may cause it to be late.

6. Make sure that your ballot is not soiled or scribbled on. It must be legible.

7. Finally, vote! This is your privilege, so use it. Ballots will remain in the Ada Post Office until they are picked up by the Election Commissioners on ballot counting day, August 17, 2004.

If you have any questions about your voter registration, completing your ballot or if you do not receive your ballot, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at the Election Commission office, (580) 310-6475 or 1-888-661-0137.

Name of candidate: Dean McManus

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 4

Background Information: Mrs. McManus is a full-blood Chickasaw. She was born and raised in the Kingston and Maddill, Okla., area. She moved to Ada, Okla., in 1968. Mrs. McManus became an employee of the Chickasaw Nation in 1975, when the tribal headquarters was located in Sulphur, Okla. At that time there were only 25 tribal employees. She served the Chickasaw people in several positions for 24 1/2 years. She began her career with the tribe as a Community Health Representative for the Southern half of Pontotoc County, later becoming the CHR supervisor, then CHR coordinator. She became the Assistant Director of the Human Resources department in 1994. She was appointed the Director of Community Services in 1995 and became the director of Training and Development in 1997. Mrs. McManus has received extensive education through 24 1/2 years on-the-job specific seminars and competency-based training.

She is completing her second three-year term as a Chickasaw tribal legislator representing Pontotoc District.

Civic and/or community activities:

- Mrs. McManus has been an active member of the Church of Christ for 38 years.
- Served one year as president of the Ada Community Services Council, a council that concentrates on helping those in need.
- Served as one of the

Pontotoc District • Seat 4, continued

Heath Allison



Heath Allison

Name of candidate: William Perry Heath Allison

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 4

Background information: Heath Allison was born on March 6, 1972 in Ada, Okla., to Don and Monnie Allison. Mr. Allison was raised and now lives on the original allotted land from his great-great-grandmother Alice "Keel" Allison. Mr. Allison's grandparents include great-grandparent Calvin Allison and Norma Allison and grandparents Perry Allison and Lillian Allison. He has one brother, Chad Allison of Dallas. Mr. Allison

has lived in the Ada area most of his life. After graduation from Byng High School, he left and joined the U.S. Army. He served with the Army's 8th Infantry, 1st and 3rd Armored Division as a cavalry scout. After 3 1/2 years he was honorably discharged as a disabled veteran. He returned to Ada to attend East Central University to pursue a degree in cartography. He worked with Pre-Paid Legal Services as a customer service supervisor and then moved to the Nation to be the first manager for C-store, tobacco and gaming at the Ada Travel Stop. He then transferred to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing to become their new customer service manager. During the time with CNDH these are a few things Heath accomplished as a concerned Chickasaw:

- Worked with the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Scholarships.
- Served on the National Native American Heritage Month Event in Oklahoma City.
- Attended all Community Councils, Senior Sites and Regional Offices offering help and

programs from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing.

- Worked on the Fire and Safety Poster Contest to all Native American children living in Mutual Help homes.

- Assisted and organized the clean up of ice storm damage in the Chickasaw Nation. Worked with FEMA on programs to assist from the storm damage.

- Help implement the storm shelter program for mutual help homes.

- Attended monthly Chickasaw Legislative meetings and took minutes for CNDH.

Educational background: Mr. Allison is a 1990 graduate of Byng High School. He took numerous computer courses at the Pontotoc Area Vo-tech and majored at East Central University in Cartography.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Allison is a concerned and loving father, coach t-ball, coach-pitch and basketball for "all his kids" as he puts it. He is a national blood donor and attends church at the Ada Church of Nazarene.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Heath

will be a strong advocate for health care programs, senior citizens programs, educational programs, and nutrition and wellness programs for all Chickasaws. He would like to see our housing programs continue to grow. He supports continued expansion of our tribal economic development projects and expansion of our land base. He is also very much in favor of preserving our Chickasaw culture. He is in favor of a long-term care facility for the Chickasaw Elders. Mr. Allison would like to see more programs in Education for clothing grants, after school programs and one-on-one tutoring programs. He would also like to see a new hospital built with new and updated facilities for our elder and our youth.

Name of spouse and children: He has been married to Tracy Lee Allison for 14 great years. Mrs. Allison has been teaching for Byng Elementary for six wonderful years. Tristan James Allison is 8 years old and Mr. Allison's number one fishing and hunting partner. Daryn Lee Allison is 3 years old and loves the fishing too, but

momma is desperately trying to mold her into a lady.

Hobbies and outside interest: Mr. Allison says that his biggest interest is spending time with his family and his favorite hobbies is fishing, canoeing and catch and release trapping with his son Tristan. My son Tristan is 8 years old and I have tried to teach him to respect nature and how to survive in it. We spend a lot of time fishing and looking on the ground identifying tracks of several species. Even though 8 years old, I would put him up against some of the best river and stream fishing adults.

Personal Message: "I am looking forward to representing the Chickasaw Nation as an elected official for the Pontotoc District. I want the Chickasaw People to know that if elected, they will have a legislator who will be giving full time attention to their needs. I want to thank everyone who has supported me and I would like to encourage everyone to get out and vote. Please feel free to call me at home, (580) 436-5039 or email at heath7241@yahoo.com"

2005 Election Office staff members and Election Commissioners



Rita Loder
Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar

Mrs. Rita Loder was appointed Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar in October 2002. She has held various positions while being employed with the Chickasaw Nation for the past 17 years including, Election Secretary beginning in 1988.



Denise Clark
Administrative Assistant

She is 1/2 Chickasaw and 5/16 Seminole. She resides in Ardmore, Okla., with her husband Doug. Mrs. Loder has two sons, Bo Ellis and Jonathan Walters. She has three grandchildren, Melissa, Levi and Jaydon. Mrs. Loder is a member of Morris Memorial Baptist Church. She is



Monica Fulsom
Registration Clerk

the granddaughter of full-blood Chickasaw original enrollee Lucy (Perry) Nelson.

Mrs. Denise Clark is the administrative assistant for the election office. She has been employed with the Chickasaw

Nation since 2002.

She is one-half Chickasaw and one-half Sisseton-Whapeton Sioux.

She is married to Billy Clark and has four children, Courtney DeCoteau, Stonie, Nikki and Zack Stepps.

She is the daughter of Gene and Rose Jefferson. She is the granddaughter of Adeline Courtney, an original enrollee.

Ms. Monica Fulsom serves as the registration clerk for the Election Office. She is 28 years old. She is 13/32 Chickasaw and has resided in Ada, Okla., for the last 12 years. She has worked at various jobs throughout the Chickasaw Nation for the past seven years.

She is a graduate of Byng High School and served the tribe as the 1993-94 Chickasaw Princess.



Catherine Wood
Election Commission Chairperson

Mrs. Catherine Wood serves as chairperson of the Election Commission. She represents the Tishomingo District.

Mrs. Wood is 3/4 Chickasaw, the granddaughter of original See *Election Commission*,

Pickens District • Seat 2

Donna Hartman, Incumbent



Donna Hartman

Name of candidate: Donna Hartman

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information:

Ms. Hartman is the granddaughter of Minnie Keel Liddell, a full-blood Chickasaw and original enrollee #2983 and the daughter of Billy Liddell, Sr. and the late Bonnie Liddell. She is 1/4 Chickasaw from a family of eight children and has lived more than 40 years in the Pickens District. She attended school in Thackerville, Marietta and Leon. After rearing her children in the rural community of Leon, she now lives and works in the Ardmore area.

After working in assembly-line plants, Ms. Hartman at age 32 returned to college as a nontraditional, single-parent student and graduated at age 35 with a degree in elementary education. In 1988 while teaching, she completed a master's degree and in 2002 she completed her

second master's degree.

Ms. Hartman is a counselor for East Central (OK) University's Talent Search Program. For 16 years, she has assisted students in grades 7 to 12 at 10 public schools in Carter, Love, Garvin and Stephens counties to explore career options and continue education and training after high school graduation. She is an Oklahoma certified teacher who taught four years at Turner Elementary School and in 1985 assisted in writing a grant which purchased computers, printers, and educational programs giving Native American students in grades 1 to 8 their first technological opportunities.

She previously was a part-time tutor for Carter Seminary, the Chickasaw Nation's Adult Basic Education program and

an adjunct instructor at Murray State College.

Educational Background: Ms. Hartman has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University (1982); a master's degree in human resources counseling from East Central University (1988); and a master's degree in human resources administration from East Central University (2002).

Civic/Community Activities: Ms. Hartman has been active at local, state and national levels. Her involvement includes serving as a summer baseball coach, manager and activities fund-raiser (1975-1983); a Johnson-O'Malley Committee member from 1977-1987 (President 1983-85); an Oklahoma Division of Student

Assistance Executive Board member from 1990-95 (secretary 1990; treasurer 1991-95 and President 2002-04); a March of Dimes volunteer from 1991-96 (team leader 1995-96); Oklahoma delegate to the National Council of Educational Opportunity Association (1995 and 1997); Oklahoma representative to the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs Board in a 5-State Region (1995-97, 2002-04); a YWCA board member from 1997-1999 and Chickasaw Community Councils.

Awards and Honors: Ms. Hartman was named Best All-Around Girl Academic/Athletic

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Mitch Sperry



Mitch Sperry

Name of candidate: Mitchell Sperry

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information: Mr. Sperry is the son of Robert Dean and Patricia Ann Sperry. His paternal grandparents were Clarence E. and Ermine Sperry, and his maternal grandparents were Basil P. and Maytie V. Mitchell. Mr. Sperry grew up in Ardmore and returned to the community following his graduation from Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Mr. Sperry, 44, is the district attorney for Oklahoma's District

20, which includes Carter, Love, Murray, Marshall and Johnston Counties. He was first elected district attorney in 1998, then was re-elected in 2002.

Mr. Sperry was selected 2004 "District Attorney of the Year" in Oklahoma. As district attorney, Mr. Sperry is responsible for the main DA's office in Ardmore, as well as four satellite offices. A total of 50 employees serve in the DA's offices.

Mr. Sperry has been an Ardmore lawyer since 1987. He was an associate with the firm of Thompson & Cawley; a partner in the firm of Kern, Mordy & Sperry; and managing partner and president of Mordy, Sperry & Daniels, all Ardmore firms.

Educational background: Mr. Sperry is a 1987 graduate of Oklahoma City University School of Law. He received a bachelor's degree in business management in 1983, plus a minor in accounting, from East Central (OK) University. He is a 1979 graduate of Ardmore High School.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Sperry is a longtime Ardmore volunteer youth sports coach. He has served as a coach on daughter Haley's tennis, softball and basketball teams, and he currently volunteers as

four-year-old son Britton's t-ball team.

He currently serves on the board of directors of the Ardmore Mayor's Task Force on Crime, and on the finance committee First United Methodist Church of Ardmore.

He has previously served as a board member on the Ardmore Area Children's Shelter; the Sunshine Industries for the Mentally Challenged; and the City of Ardmore Parks and Recreation program. He is a past president of the Ardmore Higher Education Center.

Awards and honors: Mr. Sperry was voted 2004 "District Attorney of the Year" for Oklahoma. The honor was voted on by all Oklahoma district attorneys, and the board of the state DA's association.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: We have the opportunity right now to ensure generations of healthy, educated, happy and working Chickasaws. We can offer exceptional opportunities for our young people to grow up healthy and prosper in their chosen careers. We can provide for our elders and ensure their years are happy and productive. We can provide the very finest health care services in the country. As

your tribal legislator, I will put my experience to work for the Chickasaw people and guide our economic growth. I believe my experience in the district attorney's office, and in private enterprise, can be beneficial to our tribe's sustained growth and prosperity.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Sperry is married to Cynthia Ann Sperry. The couple has a 16-year-old daughter, Haley, and a four-year-old son, Britton.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: "We are entering a unique time in the

history of the Chickasaw Nation. Our tribe is expanding at a quick pace, and we are now engaged in a great advance in programs, services, commercial enterprises and other outreach. We are becoming an important force in our state and our nation. It is imperative, I believe, to manage our resources judiciously, and to always remember it is the Chickasaw people whom we serve. I believe I can offer some good experience as your legislator. I respectfully ask for your vote, and I thank you for supporting our tribe."

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p.m. on

July 18, 2005



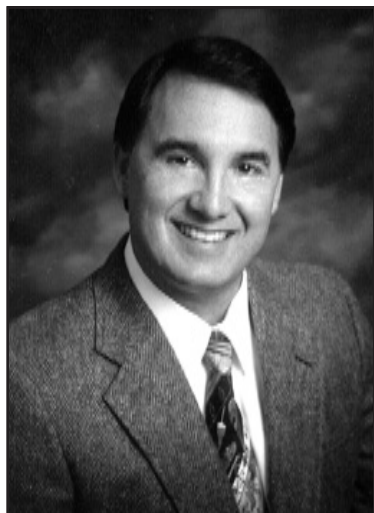
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Tishomingo District • Seat 3

Steven E. Woods, Incumbent



Steven Woods

in the Development Department from 1980-1985. He currently serves as the Senior Radiation Safety Officer for Halliburton Energy Services. He served as a Supreme Court Justice for the Chickasaw Nation 1992 to 2002. He serves as a Legislator for the Tishomingo district, Seat 3, 2002 to present.

Educational background: Mr. Woods attended Stratford High School and was Salutatorian his senior year. He holds a bachelor of science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma. He graduated with honors.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Woods was appointed by the Governors of Oklahoma to the Oklahoma Radiation Management Advisory Council in 1993, 1996, 1999 and 2002 and currently serves as the elected vice-chairman of the council. He is a member of the Health Physics Society.

Awards and honors: Mr. Woods has written, presented, and published numerous papers at conferences and symposiums for the Health Physics Society, Society of Petroleum Engineers, Society of Mechanical Engineers,

and the Petroleum Society of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. His most recent paper was presented at the 2005 International ALARA Symposium in January.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goals are to represent the Chickasaw people by providing professionally and thoroughly researched decisions on any matters that are before the Legislature; continue pursuit of the expansion of the Chickasaw Nation court system so justice will be available to all Chickasaws; make sure the direction our tribe takes will be to educate our youth; and provide jobs for our people here in the Chickasaw Nation. I will work with the Executive Branch to plan for independent living for elders as well as a nursing home.

I will continue to support:

1. Increased educational scholarships for all Chickasaw youth
2. Clothing grants for college students
3. Providing clothing grants for all Chickasaw students Headstart thru 12th grade
4. Expansion of orthodontic and other dental services

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5. Modification of the dental and eye appointment process

6. Building the new pharmacy refill center to include mailing of medicines as well as drive thru pickup

7. Construction of wellness centers at Tishomingo and Sulphur

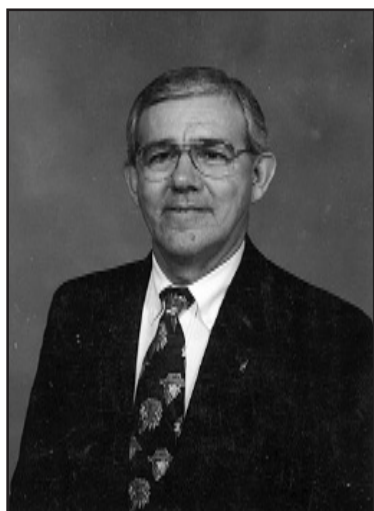
8. Design and construction of the Artesian Hotel and Cultural Center which will provide more jobs for the Tishomingo District

Name of spouse and children: Steve Woods and his wife of 26 years, Paula, reside in Sulphur. They have two children, Christi and Brad, two granddaughters, Mallorie and Zoie, and one grandson, Doron.

Personal Message: "As a member of the Legislature, I will be open minded and fair as I represent all the voters of the Tishomingo District. I will support better representation of our Chickasaw citizens living outside the Chickasaw Nation. I will promote preservation of our history, culture, and language. I will seek priority for our elders in all services, especially health care. I will support education and other services for our youth."

I will support economic development so we can provide jobs for our people so they can support their families. As a member of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and the Court Development Team, I have worked with the Executive and Legislative departments in pursuing the expansion of the existing court system. I support a court system that will incorporate traditions and customs of the Chickasaw people. I take a deep personal interest in all things which affect the Chickasaw people and our whole Chickasaw Nation, as well. It has been my great honor and privilege to have served you as a Legislator and during that time, I have valued the importance of tribal laws and of maintaining the spirit and content of our Constitution. I would like to continue to work with you and for you, to see to it that we all receive justice and equality. I seek your vote and support in my effort to be re-elected to the Chickasaw Nation Legislature so that I may continue my service the voters of the Tishomingo District as a Competent Legislator."

Joe R. Orr



Joe Orr

the Madill National Bank in 1958, shortly after graduation from Madill High School. He moved to Tishomingo in 1991 as president of Landmark Bank, where he served until his retirement on April 22 of this year. He served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1967 and was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant.

He has been married for 43 years to the former Brenda Lou Vinson of Love County. They have three grown sons and seven grandchildren. They attend the Calvary Baptist Church in Tishomingo where he serves as deacon, Sunday School teacher and chairman of the finance committee.

Educational background: After graduation from Madill High School, he attended Murray State College, Oklahoma Bankers Association Schools for bank operations, consumer lending and commercial lending.

ing. He obtained a degree from the University of Colorado, Graduate School of Banking. He is also a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Institute.

Civic and/or community activities: He presently serves on the Boards of Tri-County Indian Nations Community Development Commission, Johnston County Industrial Authority, Johnston County Historical and Genealogical Society and Tishomingo Lions Club. He is past president of the Johnston County Chamber of Commerce, Marshall County Chamber of Commerce, Madill Lions Club, Madill Alumni Association and Southern Oklahoma Bankers Association. He served on the Chickasaw Nation Industrial Development Commission several years ago.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: As a member of the Chickasaw Leg-

islature, I would support all of the many worthwhile programs now in place. I would also like to see us devote more of our resources toward health care for our people. I think it would be wise to give more support to our young people going into higher education. I also think we should be in the funeral home business in order to provide our people with more reasonable priced funeral arrangements in order to relieve the financial burden brought about by death of a family member. We also need to keep all our people well informed of all our services and benefits.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Orr has been married for 43 years to the former Brenda Lou Vinson of Love County. They have three grown sons and seven grandchildren.

Personal Message: "My pledge to you is that if elected,

I will do my best to serve with honesty, truthfulness and integrity. I will make decisions based upon my own independent judgement in the best interest of the majority of all our people. I will be available to you at all times as I have no other job. I will be able to devote all my time and attention to the office. I would sincerely appreciate your vote and support."

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Name of candidate: Joe Orr
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Tishomingo District, Seat 3
Background information: Joe Orr was born, raised and spent most of his life in Marshall County. He began working at

Judicial Branch • Seat 3

Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, Incumbent



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred

Name of candidate: Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Eldred

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Judge

District and seat number: Seat 3

Background Information: Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred was born in Ardmore, Okla., on December 29, 1968 to Russell and Donna Bellefeuille. She had one sister, Chris Bellefeuille, and has one brother, Chuck Bellefeuille. Her grandparents are Ben and Viola Seeley and her great-grandparents were original enrollees Mamie Tushkatombay and Walter Seeley. She has worked at Hurst, McNeil & Gordon law firm in Sulphur, Okla., since 1991 as a legal secretary, paralegal and office manager.

Educational background: She graduated from Sulphur High School in 1987 and from East Central University, Ada, Okla., in 1991 with a B.A. in pre-law with a minor in accounting and services for the deaf.

Civic and/or community activities: Ms. Bellefeuille-Eldred was the 1989 - 1990 Chickasaw Princess. She served as chairman of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Board, board member representing the Tishomingo District at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility; former president of the Sulphur/Davis Community Council; Chickasaw Nation Head Start of Sulphur parent committee since 2002; Peacemakers - administrative assistant/trainer; Sulphur Public School tutor for the Title V program; Murray County Democratic Party - officer and precinct officer; Murray County

Kiwanis Club - president, vice-president, secretary and board member; Chickasaw Regional Library System - chairman and board member representing the City of Sulphur. She helped raise funds for Relay for Life; she is co-chairman of the Murray County Kiwanis March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon; General Federated Women's Club, president, vice-president of South Central District of General Federated Women's Club; president, vice-president, secretary of GFWC Sulphur Sorosis; Sulphur Public School Community Education board member; chairman of Rewards of Reading, volunteer song leader at Veterans Center of Sulphur every Sunday morning for church service for the past four years; Children's Miracle Network Duck Race, fill the boot for Children's Miracle Network, volunteer in parks program, volunteer interpreter for sign language, Sunday School Teacher, member of Praise & Worship Team at the Abundant Life Church, member of the National American Indian Court Judges Association; Safety Committee for Sulphur Elementary School.

Awards and honors: Outstanding Volunteer of the Sulphur Headstart; Kiwanian of the Year, George F. Hixon Award; Distinguished Service Award; Presidential Appreciation Award; Outstanding Club secretary; TX-OK Kiwanis Foundation Lifetime member; President's Distinguished Service Award; Outstanding Leadership and Distinguished Service Award; Kiwanian of the Month; Committee Chairman Award - Worldwide Service Project; Certification of Recognition -IDD Red Light, Board of Directors and Secretary; GFWC - OK Outstanding Volunteer - South Central; Committee Chairman Award-Program, certificate of appreciation; Perfect Attendance Award; Chickasaw Nation Head Start Community Volunteer; and 10-years of Service as a Board member of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Judicial Branch: One of my goals is to preserve the Constitution of the Chickasaw

Nation. I would like to help assure tribal members that tribal affairs will be conducted in a proper and legal manner. I will work to interpret the laws as they apply to the Chickasaw constitution and to make sure individual rights are protected. I will be diligent in my efforts to ensure that legislative acts are constitutional and the affairs of the Chickasaw Nation are conducted constitutionally. While serving on the Supreme Court, the Court reestablished the Chickasaw Nation District Court and established the Peacemakers. Peacemaking is a division of the Court that all members of the Chickasaw Nation can and

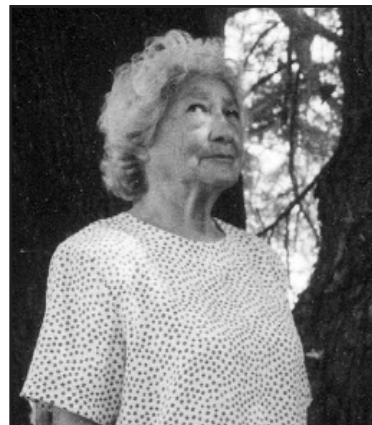
should use to resolve disputes. I would be honored to serve the Chickasaw people in a manner that is exemplary of a Supreme Court Justice.

Name of spouse and children: Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred is a single parent of one son, eight-year-old Noah Eldred.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: "I'm very proud of my Chickasaw heritage. I have devoted 16 years to serving the Chickasaw people as princess, president of Sulphur/Davis Community Council and as a member/chairman of the health board at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility and Supreme Court Chief Justice from 2003

to present. I am dedicated to the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw citizens and the Judicial Branch. If elected, I will continue my efforts to assist in providing a Chickasaw court system that will serve our citizens in an efficient and effective manner. I would be honored to serve as one of your Supreme Court Justices. Vote Bellefeuille-Eldred."

Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson



Wilma (Stout) Watson

Name of candidate: Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Judge

District and seat number: Seat 3

Background Information: Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson is widely known as Aunt Pauline, many young people in Pickens District just call her Grandma. Aunt Pauline was born in the home of her maternal grandmother, Annie Ned Pickens (wife of IHunter (ihunta) Pickens) on the third of July in the year 1919 in the community of McMillian, Marshall County, Oklahoma.

Aunt Pauline's maternal great-grandmother is Euthlike (wife of Okchuntubby best known as Edmond Pickens {he was the first elected Chief of the Chickasaw District of the Choctaw Nation

in Indian Territory Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Leader for whom Pickens District is named, he worked to get the first Chickasaw Constitution with the title of the leader as Governor not Chief or Minco}). Euthlike was a full-blood Chickasaw and the woman who led the wagon-train of the Pickens family (women, children, households goods and property) while the men drove their Chickasaw pony herds and hunted for game.

Aunt Pauline's maternal grandmother is Annie Ned (wife of IHunter {correct Chickasaw name is Ihunta} Pickens, full-blood enrollee #2702). Annie Ned, of the Shawii Clan of the Chickasaw people was a full-blood Chickasaw original enrollee #2703 born in 1853 and served the Chickasaw people by allowing Chickasaw Governor Johnston to hold some Chickasaw Nation Annual Report Meeting on her property at a location known as Twin Ponds. Annie Ned rode with her mother on a Chickasaw pony over the Cherokee's Trail-of-Tears route during their removal from our ancestral homelands on the east side of the Mississippi River (land which became the states of Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and {the savanna area of} Georgia).

Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson

is a daughter of Hattie Pickens Stout (wife of Mississippi Choctaw Samuel {Sam} Stout). Aunt Pauline's mother, Hattie, was a full-blood Chickasaw original enrollee #2709 born in September of 1891 and was widely known as Aunt Hattie. During Aunt Hattie's life-time history societies and university professor(s) documented Chickasaw history and different Chickasaw families connection and clan affiliation. Aunt Hattie taught Chickasaw history at a personal risk of going to prison, as it was against United States Federal Law to teach any Indian history until President George Bush signed the Native American Grave and Reparation Act in the early 1990's.

Educational background: Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson was formally educated at Bloomfield/Carter Seminary and she attended Chilocco for awhile.

Civic and/or community activities: Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson in setting up two great Chickasaw community organizations and suggesting many needed community improvement.

Aunt Pauline suggested and witnessed the establishment and implementation of a Regional Office system for Chickasaw Na-

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tion government to aide citizens and other First Nation citizens in getting the federal assistance.

Aunt Pauline assisted in getting the first compact between the United States government and the Chickasaw Nation, the push to enter into a compact came about at a Legislative breakfast hosted by two Pickens District Legislators in the early 1990's at Marlow, Oklahoma.

In 1994, after visiting the town where her father was born in Mississippi, Aunt Pauline and her baby sister Venita Ruth (Stout) Campbell organized fund-raising events to take Chickasaw seniors back to our ancestral homeland. Chickasaw Nation found out about the project and funded the trip for over fifty Chickasaw seniors and youths.

Aunt Pauline requested security for the Bourland Apartment Complex to make the Chickasaw Housing complex in Ardmore safe for the youths and seniors who lived there. Today that complex enjoys a secure-community style facility with 24-7 security

officers.

To save the life of her baby sister and other elderly Chickasaw citizens, she suggested that Chickasaw Nation fund the purchase of special needed medication which varied according to individual medical needs of the elderly for both those inside and outside our nation's boundaries... This program is still funded to-date contact Bill Lance at Carl Albert Hospital for details.

Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson, had a hand in founding Pickens District Community Organization (PDCO) and served as an officer. Aunt Pauline had a fully automated (computerized) accounting system designed with proper check and balances which could generate End-of-the-Month reports at the touch of the button. PDCO assisted in electing several Chickasaw official some are still in office to-date.

Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson is a founding member of the Chickasaw Alliance organization. The organization's aims are: to service the people, obtain

fair and honest elections plus election rules; to have a Chickasaw government which is fully accountable to it's citizens.

Awards and honors: Our Lord God has awarded me long life, and reasonable good health for my age. And, it has been my great honor to attend most of our legislative meetings for nearly 15 years. And what other award or honor could a person ask then to truly serve their people with honor, dignity and compassion. {I know these are not the awards and honors which the election commission is requesting.}

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Judicial Branch: To determine if Chickasaws want per capita payments. To try to determine if Chickasaw citizens actually wish to have (good) laws which are enforceable. To learn if Chickasaws wish/want a government which is accountable to them. Personally, it is my wish to see laws regarding term limits, citizens right to vote of any expenditure over a million dollars be it one item or the total of many items

together to complete a project. And to question laws which do not promote benefits to Chickasaws on a fair and equal basis.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: "Communication is the key to any venture. As a member of the Judicial Branch of our government, it will be my duty to issue fair and honest ruling according to our constitution. There are many who feel that my understanding of what is happening in our government is not accurate and that learning new things is beyond my ability. When our law is not made clear to me, it will

not bother me to ask my questions in Chickasaw so that the intent is made crystal clear to me and anyone who needs to use it. Respectfully, your candidate to become your Supreme Court Representative,

Mrs. Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson."

Che-pi-sa-la-cho

Chickasaw Nation Election Commission selects automated election services

Ink Impressions, Inc. automated election services, based in Albuquerque, N.M., and has been selected to provide the absentee ballots, mail-out, tabulation and ballot counting machines for this year's election.

Ink Impressions, Inc. has been providing this type of election service since 1974. President of the company, Terry Rainey, and staff travel all over the United States, providing automated election services for over 150 Native American tribes. The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has utilized their services for pervious elections with tremendous results.

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enrollee Cicen Perry Nelson.

She attended school in Ada, Byng and Chillico. Mrs. Wood was married to the late Cecil Wood and has two daughters, one son and eight grandchildren. Mrs. Wood is active with the Connerville Senior Site and also serves on the Chickasaw Elder Council Board.

She resides in Connerville and is a member of Connerville Baptist Church. She enjoys traveling with the Chickasaw senior citizens on their trips.

Mrs. Pauline Brown, represents the Pontotoc District. She resides in Harden City.

Mrs. Brown is 1/2 Chickasaw and 3/8 Choctaw. She is the daughter of original enrollee Murtle Gipson.

She is a retired LPN from the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic, Tishomingo, Okla. Mrs. Brown is a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language.

She has one son and three daughters. She has seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

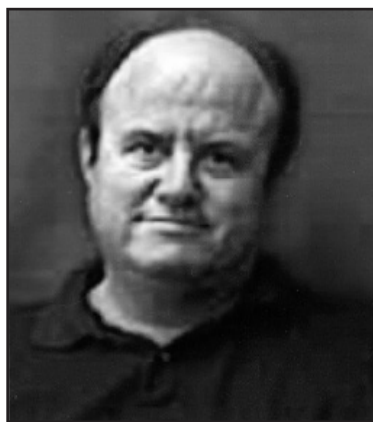


Pauline Brown

Mrs. Brown serves on the Cultural Historical Society Board, the Elders Council Board and the Chickasaw Language Committee. She is a member of Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church.

Mr. Jerry D. Malaney is a member of the Election Commission representing the Panola District.

He is 1/32 Chickasaw and a descendant of Levi Colbert and



Jerry Malaney

Minnie Barker.

He attended and graduated from Achille School in 1970. Mr. Malaney is married to Rebecca and they have four children, Jeannie, Heather, Eric and Melissa.

Mr. Malaney worked in Sherman, Texas for MEMC Electronic Material and Texas Instruments before retiring. He has twice served on the Achille City Council and has been part of many fund-raising activities.

He and his family have lived in Panola District for over 40 years.

He is a member of the Church of Christ.



Mark Riesen

Mr. Mark Riesen is a member of the Election Commission representing the Pickens District.

He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1983 with a bachelor of science degree in finance, and from Oklahoma City University in 1986 with a master's degree in business administration.

He is currently employed with Edward Jones Investments, Ardmore, Okla., as an investment representative.

Mr. Riesen is 1/128 Chickasaw. He resides in Ardmore with his wife of 18 years, Martha, and their two sons, Andrew and Blake.

He and his family attend St. Phillip Episcopal Church.

Mr. Riesen is the great-grandson of original enrollee Dorris Overton Coffey.

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Donna Hartman, continued

Award (1962); received the English Honor Award-High School Senior (1966); was a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society at Murray State (1970-1971); was on the Southeastern Vice-President's Honor Roll. She was one of five educators who met with the Oklahoma U.S. Congressional delegation in 1995 in a successful effort to preserve Trio educational programs.

Goals as a Member of the Chickasaw Legislature: The broad goals as your legislator would be to continue expanding, improving and upgrading our existing services and opportunities for Chickasaws which address their needs and to equally distribute service facilities and businesses throughout Pickens District and to maintain integrity in the government processes, procedures and officials.

Specific goals to address are laws to: adopt a precise procedure for annual identification and accountability of unspent program and tribal money and the reprogramming of those dollars into the next fiscal year's budget, support strong economic development through business diversification to ensure the continuity of tribal self-sufficiency, increase funding in health care,

education, senior and housing programs and approve individual benefits to all Chickasaw citizens, inside and outside the boundaries.

Family Information: Ms. Hartman's three sons and their families live in Pickens District. They are Danny and granddaughter, Jenna; Ricky, and Ronnie and grandson, Asher.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: "To serve as your legislator is a profound privilege given by you in which I place the utmost value, respect and commitment. I want to state that as Pickens District Legislator, I greatly appreciate and value all the support, opinions, ideas and contact received from Chickasaw citizens. I strongly encourage you to be involved, to participate, to vote and let the voice of all Chickasaws be heard in tribal government.

For my entire life, I have been a Chickasaw whose Mammaw instilled the strength, pride and heart of my heritage. Long before the Chickasaw Nation became known as progressive and prosperous, I was committed to and worked for opportunities that benefitted people either collectively or individually as Chickasaws and Native Americans. During my legislative

terms as your representative I have continued to work by helping Chickasaws with problems and by making productive, progressive and well-informed decisions regarding Chickasaws living in and outside the Nation's boundaries. Whether it has been helping a child with a Christmas wish, a family with a food basket, a student with a scholarship or summer job need, an adult with either health-care, housing, or employment problems; or exploring options of greater tribal self-sufficiency, I have given my full attention and commitment. I have also promoted, supported and been involved in the preservation of your Chickasaw culture and heritage through the Renewal of the Chikasha Tradition at Kullihoma. To pass the heritage and traditions of our ancestors to the generations of the 21st century should be our priority since this is the common bond of all Chickasaws.

I have served on the Education/Health, Human Resources, Legislative, Finance and Health-Care committees and been chairman of the finance committee, 1998-2000 and chairman of the health-care committee, 2001. But it's more than just serving on committees, I have worked to address

and resolve concerns that affect us as well as increase funding for services to people. During my tenure as finance committee chairman, legislation was passed to provide the first public budget hearing for all citizens' comments. Those hearings continue still so citizens have the opportunity to state their questions concerns and comments on the tribal budget. Also, under my chairmanship and for the first time an independent CPA was used by the finance committee for technical assistance in the reviewing of the annual budgets and for an objective assessment of the tribal accounting procedures and system. In 2001, one million dollars from tribal funds were approved for health-care needs and in the FY 2006 proposed budget, this amount increases to \$6.6 million. I have also supported the approval of our land-base expansion, economic development, criminal court system and establishment of the Chickasaw Police, The Light Horsemen. Major issues that I advocate, support and uphold are:

- Direct investment in Chickasaw people, the nation's greatest resource
- Protection of sovereign rights and self governance at local, state and federal levels

- Information disclosure to Chickasaw people

- Approval of a per capita payment for Chickasaw citizens

- Assurance of continued Health care and educational funding on the national level

With a proposed FY 2006 budget of \$6.2 billion with \$135 million identified for capital investment in building projects and land purchases, it is time that Chickasaw citizens directly benefit from our progressive and prosperous nation.

In the forthcoming term, I will continue to be a representative for Chickasaw citizens who will make informed decisions on issues such as health care, budget appropriations, land acquisitions, water rights and sovereignty. I will listen, share, promote, serve and work to improve and enhance the lives of the people, to instill the pride and heritage and to maintain the traditions of the Chickasaws. On issues that seriously impact all Chickasaws, I will continue to use logical decision - making, determination, open-mindedness and communication to stand for the best interest of the Chickasaw people, not just for an individual or an individual group."

Toby Perkins, continued

the legislature as they are addressed. Second, I will listen to you BEFORE I cast a vote on your behalf. And third, I am accountable to every citizen and will openly discuss and share my voting record on any topic, any time, any place.

Benefits for Chickasaw Citizens Residing Outside of the Nation:

As the Director of Associate Benefits for an international New York Stock Exchange company with benefits available to over 340,000 people in the United States and Canada, I know how to get things done. I'd love to see the expansion of benefits for citizens living outside of the nation. For example, I believe it's important to provide toll-free telephone and email consultations with a doctor as well as prescrip-

tion drug assistance for citizens living outside the nation. For more information about this and other programs I'm proposing to introduce in the legislature, go to my website at www.chickasawtoby.com or feel free to call me anytime.

I am very proud of my heritage and excited about serving the Chickasaw people. If you have questions or would like to meet with me to discuss specific concerns you may have, please contact me at 580-332-7073, email me at tobyperkins@chickasawtoby.com, or you can learn more at www.chickasawtoby.com.

I humbly ask for your vote in this election. I am grateful for your support and friendship and wish you the very best.



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Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **Maiden Name:** _____

Old Address

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• CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE

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• SIGN YOUR NAME WHERE INDICATED ON "OUTER" ENVELOPE

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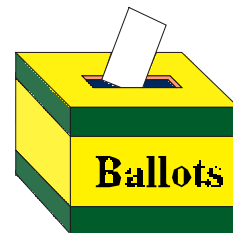
ballot counting process

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Bill Anoatubby
Governor

Application for:

- ☐ Voter Registration
☐ Citizenship
☐ Change of Address
☐ Abstain from Voting

Application for Citizenship/Voter Registration in the Chickasaw Nation

Last Name First Name Middle Maiden Social Security Number

Mailing Address (Street, Box, Route) City County State Zip Code

Date of Birth Sex Degree of Blood Issuing Agency

Do you possess Indian blood of another tribe? If yes, what tribe(s)?

Do you wish to have your Social Security number printed on your citizenship card? ☐ Yes ☐ No

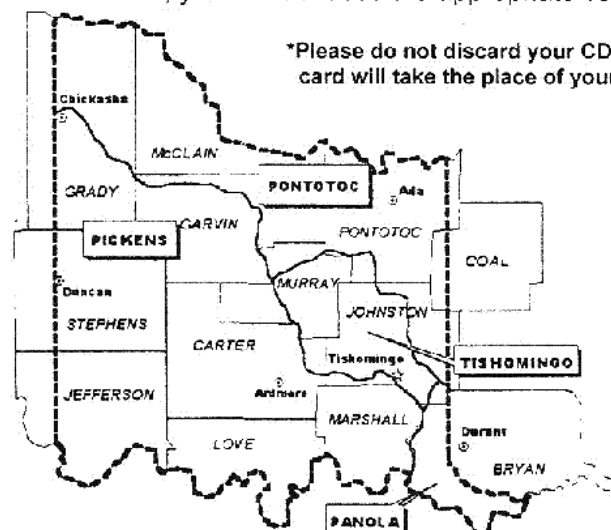
If you are applying for a citizenship card, please **attach a current color photograph** (passport, Polaroid or professional photographs are appropriate). Photographs must be in color and no smaller than 1½" by 1¼".

If you are 18 or over and wish to register as a Chickasaw voter, you must choose the appropriate voting district below.

If you live **INSIDE** the Chickasaw Nation, mark the district in which you reside.

If you live **OUTSIDE** the Chickasaw Nation, you must mark the district of your choice.

- ☐ Pontotoc District No. 1
☐ Pickens District No. 2
☐ Panola District No. 3
☐ Tishomingo District No. 4



*Please do not discard your CDIB card. The citizenship card will take the place of your voter card.

I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation as defined in the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation and Title 2, Section 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Code. I understand that false or erroneous information can cause loss of citizenship.

YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED Indicate relationship if other than applicant Daytime Phone No. Date
(Parent/legal guardian must sign for minors/wards)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Confirmation

Authorizing Signature

CDIB Number

Date

Form no. 264 CDIB Rev. 6/2005

Editor's note: This special edition of the *Chickasaw Times* is an election issue. It contains the announcements and pictures of all candidates. Biographical sketches and personal messages in this issue were submitted by the candidates.

The Chickasaw Nation 2005 Election Schedule

June 6-10 Candidate filing period (8:00 am-4:30 p.m. Election Secretary's Office)

June 14 Challenge to Candidacy ends

June 15 Drawing for position on ballot-Election Secretary's office, 10:00a.m.

Candidates may also pick-up label, printouts & diskettes

June 17 Last day to submit photo and biography to "Chickasaw Times"

Press release for candidates, (news media)

July 18 Voter registration closes

July 19 Candidates may pick-up updated labels, printouts & diskettes

(After-12:00 NOON)

July 22 Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters

August 10 Last day to appoint watcher

August 16 2005 Chickasaw Primary Election

Last day to return ballots no later than 10:30 a.m.

Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m. Unofficial results posted immediately

Press release made public

August 16 Voter registration re-opens if there is no run-off election

August 19 End of recount period

October 3 Oath of Office Ceremony at 1:30 pm.

(October 1st falls on a Saturday)

RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE

August 23 Candidates may pick-up adhesive labels

August 29 Ballots mailed to all voters in run-off election districts

September 20 2005 CHICKASAW RUN-OFF ELECTION

Last day to return ballots not later than 10:30 a.m.

Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press release made public

September 20 Voter registration re-opens

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OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT

PRIMARY ELECTION
CHICKASAW NATION

Pickens District Seat 2

Ada, Oklahoma

August 16, 2005

This is your secret ballot.
Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.

DO NOT ERASE

TO VOTE:USE A #2 PENCIL (NO INK)

Complete the arrow(s)  
pointing to your choice(s).

like this  

Pickens District, Seat 2

Vote for One

MITCH SPERRY  

DONNA HARTMAN  

How to make sure your ballot is counted

Make sure you sign your name in cursive, using an ink pen (NO PENCIL on your signature), **EXACTLY** the way it is written on the envelope, or it will not be counted.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION AND THAT I AM ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE CHICKASAW TRIBAL ELECTION FOR THE CANDIDATES HEREIN MARKED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IN SECRET.

John D. Doe
VOTER'S SIGNATURE

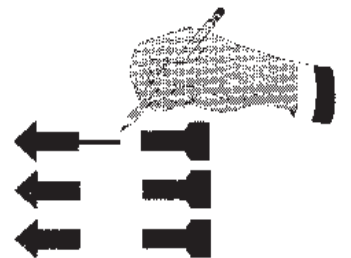
John D. Doe
P.O. Box 0
Anytown, USA 0000000-0000

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CORRECT:

You must find the name of the candidate you wish to vote for and **complete the arrow** directly across from their name by using a pencil. (NO INK)

DO NOT circle, underline, put an X or check mark any of the candidate's names or it will not be counted!



Register now!

Voter registration
closes at 5 p.m.
on July 18, 2005

Ballots will be mailed
July 22, 2005



Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
☐ NEW ADDRESS CHECK HERE

2004 Primary Election Ballot Enclosed
Return Before August 16, 2005

Notice: A hole is punched
in the envelope to verify
the ballot was inserted.

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
FIRST CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 204 ADA, OK
POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

CHICKASAW NATION ELECTION COMMISSION
PO BOX 695
ADA OK 74821-9899

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UNITED STATES

